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DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY 18, 2010	CCAO GENERAL GOVERNMENT & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
FEBRUARY 19, 2010	CCAO BOARD OF TRUSTEES, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
MARCH 6-10, 2010	NACo LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE, MARRIOTT WARDMAN PARK HOTEL, WASHINGTON, D.C.
MARCH 10, 2010	OHIO CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION BREAKFAST, RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING - ROOM B340, WASHINGTON, D.C.
MARCH 26, 2010	CORSA ANNUAL MEETING, HOLIDAY INN, COLUMBUS-WORTHINGTON
APRIL 2010	NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH

ASSOCIATION NEWS

CCAO GENERAL GOVERNMENT & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE – FEBRUARY 18

CCAO General Government & Operations Committee Co-chairs Tim Brown, Wood County Commissioner, and Paul Heltzel, Trumbull County Commissioner, have scheduled a meeting of the committee at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 18, 2010 in the CCAO Offices, 209 East State Street, in Columbus. For more information, please contact Cheryl Subler, Managing Director – Policy, at (614) 220-7980, (888) 757-1904 or csubler@ccao.org.

OHIO CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION BREAKFAST – MARCH 10

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the Ohio Congressional Delegation Breakfast to be held at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 10 in the Rayburn House Office Building – Room B340, in Washington, D.C. Letters of invitation have been sent to the Ohio Congressional Delegation. Call now to make your appointments to meet with your member(s) during the conference!

Transportation WILL NOT be provided to the breakfast. Please do not attempt to drive and park on Capitol Hill! The Capitol can be reached by taking the Metro (blue or orange line) to the Federal South exit or you can travel by taxi.

A full breakfast will be served and attendance must be guaranteed in advance. There is no charge to attend the breakfast. Attendance at the breakfast is open to all Ohio conference attendees and their traveling companions. Registration deadline: February 25, 2010. For more information about the conference or to

register for the Ohio Congressional Delegation Breakfast, please contact Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at (614) 220-7979, (888) 775-1904, or mjneiman@ccao.org.

HEALTHY COUNTIES – THEME FOR NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH!

National County Government Month (NCGM) is celebrated each April by the nation's counties to raise public awareness and understanding about the roles and responsibilities of county government. The 2010 theme is "Healthy Counties" to promote essential county health care services and healthy living and recreation programs.

County governments play an essential role in America's healthcare system. They are unique in their responsibility to both finance and deliver health services through public hospitals and clinics, local health departments, and long-term care facilities. In addition, counties provide mental health and substance abuse treatment and offer coverage programs for the uninsured.

More than 1,000 counties participate in NCGM each year by hosting a variety community outreach events and activities. These include tours of county facilities, recognition ceremonies for county employees and volunteers, distribution of information about county programs and services, sponsoring student essay contests, meetings with business and community leaders, and adoption of resolutions.

Since 1991, the National Association of Counties (NACo) has encouraged counties across the country to actively promote county government programs and services. Formerly National County Government Week, the designation was expanded to a full month for 2010 to offer more counties more opportunities to plan and participate. Counties aren't expected to hold public awareness activities throughout the month, but can schedule activities any time during the month.

For more information contact Tom Goodman, NACo Public Affairs Director, at (202) 942-4222, fax (202) 393-2630 or tgoodman@naco.org or go to NACo's website at www.naco.org/NCGM to download more information.

CCAO E-MAIL SERVER UPDATE

Recently, the CCAO Office had a new e-mail server installed. The CCAO staff strives to provide excellent service in response to all communications coming into our office. During the server installation process, if your e-mails weren't answered, please send them again or call the intended recipient. Thanks for your understanding!

AFFILIATE NEWS

2010 CCC/EAPA REGIONAL MEETINGS

The County Commissioners' Clerks and Engineer's Administrative Professional Association of Ohio (CCC/EAPA) has scheduled regional meetings to share information and network with other clerks. CCC/EAPA is comprised of county commissioners and engineers' office staff. All commissioners' clerks and engineers' administrative professionals are welcome to network with this most informative organization. The board works hard to provide educational workshops and training opportunities at summer and winter conferences.

Regional information and networking luncheon meetings are a priority with CCC/EAPA. Topics will vary at each meeting and are held on Friday's beginning at 10:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. CCAO/CEAO sponsors the lunch.

The first meeting location has been announced. Additional meeting locations will be announced in future issues of CIDS and at www.ccao.org.

- **April 30 – Ashtabula County** – Ashtabula County Commissioners, 25 West Jefferson Street – Floor 2 (Old Courthouse), Jefferson, OH 44047
- **May 28 – Crawford County**
- **June 25 – Warren County**
- **July 30 – Williams County**
- **August 27 – Athens County**
- **September 24 – Franklin County**
- **October 22 – Tuscarawas County**

Please email suggestions for agenda items to Carolyn Hauenstein, Clerk, and Erie County Commissioners at chauenstein@eriecounty.oh.gov or Lisa Hawkins, Clerk, Ashtabula County Commissioners at llhawkins@ashtabulacounty.us. Bring any forms to share that may be useful to other counties.

To obtain additional information on the CCC/EAPA, or if you are interested in serving on one of the committees, please contact Bonnie Green, System Administrator, Lake County Engineer's Office, at (440) 350-2770, bonnie.green@lakecountyohio.gov or www.ccc-esao.org.

IN MEMORIAM

JEFFREY LEE THORNTON

Former Meigs County Commissioner Jeffrey Lee Thornton died on Saturday, February 6 after a lengthy illness. Born in Racine, Thornton grew up in Meigs County and was a graduate of Southern High School. He served four years as a member of Racine Village Council followed by eight years as Mayor of Racine. Jeff served three terms as Meigs County Commissioner from 1996 to 2008. Note of sympathy can be sent to: The Thornton Family, c/o Meigs County Commissioners, 100 East Second Street – Suite 301, Pomeroy, OH 45769-1030.

STATE ACTIVITIES

STATE SUSPENDS AIR POLLUTION PERMITTING FOR SMALL SOURCES FOLLOWING COURT RULING

A federal court recently smacked down the state's efforts to exempt small air pollution facilities from regulation, prompting the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency to temporarily suspend permitting for minor sources.

U.S. District Court Magistrate Judge Mark Abel reversed a previous decision and ordered OEPA this week to enforce air pollution regulations that require "best available technology" (BAT) for facilities that emit less than 10 tons of pollutants a year. The judge said the agency's decision to exempt small sources ran counter to the federal Clean Air Act, which requires states to ensure regulatory changes won't affect overall pollution levels.

OEPA spokeswoman Heidi Griesmer said the agency has not yet determined whether it would appeal the decision. Given that OEPA processes a considerable number of permit applications for minor air pollution sources, last year the agency issued 684 such permitting actions covering 1,700 emission units, there's a sense of urgency to figure out the next move, she said.

Jennifer Klein, the Ohio Chamber of Commerce's director of energy and environmental policy, said the permitting delay was a concern, but she understands the agency' need to fully comprehend how the ruling will impact operations. Although the federal government has questioned the state's plan to exempt small pollution sources from BAT permitting, other states aren't required to regulate them, she said, pointing to Michigan.

Attorney Joe Koncelik, former director of the OEPA, who headed the OEPA during debate over revising the state's air pollution regulation (SB265, 126th General Assembly), said the new law has not achieved proponents' goal of creating more permitting certainty.

"I would suggest that there's far less certainty for businesses now as to what their requirements are than there was before Senate Bill 265," he said. "That's a shame. The whole goal we were trying to achieve back then was to get what I thought was a very legitimate concern of businesses to provide greater certainty."

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

2010 CENSUS: 43 COUNTIES FORM COMPLETE COUNTY COMMITTEES

The State is dedicated to ensuring a complete and accurate count of Ohio residents and would appreciate if all counties would consider registering your Complete Count Committee information, if available. The Ohio Census Network is designed to allow Complete Count Committees the ability to post and share information about their outreach and activities within their local communities. Participating in the network is strongly encouraged to help other communities become engaged and motivated. To register, please use this link: <http://www.census.ohio.gov/OhioCensusNetwork/register.aspx>.

Thanks to the following 43 counties that have formed Complete Count Committees: Adams, Allen, Ashtabula, Athens, Auglaize, Belmont, Brown, Clermont, Cuyahoga, Delaware, Erie, Fairfield, Franklin, Gallia, Greene, Guernsey, Hamilton, Harrison, Highland, Hocking, Huron, Jackson, Jefferson, Lake, Lawrence, Licking, Lorain, Lucas, Madison, Medina, Meigs, Montgomery, Morgan, Pickaway, Pike, Portage, Scioto, Tuscarawas, Union, Van Wert, Warren, Washington, and Wood.

For those counties who have not yet formed a Complete Count Committee, please download the Highest Elected Official starter packet! Look under Ohio 2010 Census Outreach, General Information for the packet: <http://www.census.ohio.gov/Promotional.aspx>.

Visit the Ohio 2010 Census Web site to learn about how the State is conducting outreach and providing support to local communities. <http://www.census.ohio.gov>.

NACo ACTIVITIES

NACo LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE: FINDING SOLUTIONS FOR TOUGH TIMES

NACo's Legislative Conference will be held March 6 – 10, 2010 at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, D.C. The conference's theme and focus, "Finding Solutions for Tough Times" will provide you with tangible solutions to take home and apply in moving your county forward in these very difficult economic times.

In addition, the Opening Session keynote speaker is Joe Klein, columnist for *TIME* magazine. A veteran of eight presidential campaigns, *The New York Times* wrote that "Klein possesses one of the more musical ears in American politics, a gift for hearing what others miss." Register online at www.naco.org and save \$25.

2010 ACHIEVEMENT AWARD PROGRAM – DEADLINE EXTENDED TO FEBRUARY 26

Begun in 1970, the annual Achievement Award Program is a non-competitive awards program that recognizes innovative county government programs. Awards are given in a number of program categories such as arts and historic preservation, children and youth, community and economic development, jails-corrections, county administration, emergency management, environmental protection, health, human services, libraries, parks and recreation, transportation and volunteers.

This year, NACo is introducing a new application process this year that requires that part of the application information be completed online. Please see the Achievement Award Application instructions for detailed information. This updated process requires submitting contact information and the title and category of the program in an online application. Payment by credit card can also be made online, but checks and purchase orders may still be mailed. The program narrative and any supplemental materials must still be mailed along with an e-mailed confirmation page.

The deadline has been extended: all applications and materials must be postmarked by **February 26, 2010**. When ready to apply, please complete the online application form. For more information, contact Kathryn Murphy, Research Associate, NACo Research Division, (202) 661-8806 or kmurphy@naco.org.

COMMUNICATIONS EXCELLENCE TO BE RECOGNIZED BY NACIO

Did your county demonstrate communications excellence in 2009? If so, the National Association of County Information Officers (NACIO) wants to recognize those achievements. NACIO is seeking entries for its 2010 Awards of Excellence competition. This awards program recognizes outstanding public relations and public information work being done on behalf of counties. There are 10 categories for entries from Annual Reports to Computer Media. This competition is open to staff of county governments that are eligible to join NACo. The deadline for entries is **March 26, 2010**. For more information, visit www.nacio.org.

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS

SYLLABUS

2010-003

A person who is appointed under R.C. 305.02(B) to fill a vacancy in county elective office becomes entitled to compensation upon giving bond and taking the oath of office. He is ineligible, however, to perform the duties of his office until he receives a commission from the Governor under R.C. 107.05. (1981 Op. Att’y Gen. No. 81-085, approved and followed.)

SYLLABUS

2010-004

1. R.C. 9.07(C)(1) authorizes a board of county commissioners to enter into a contract with an out-of-state jurisdiction to house out-of-state prisoners in a county correctional facility. (1928 Op. Att’y Gen. No. 3079, vol. IV, p. 2947, questioned.)
2. While neither R.C. 9.07 nor R.C. 341.21 imposes a limitation upon the type of out-of-state prisoner that may be housed in a county correctional facility, R.C. 9.07(C)(1) and the minimum standards for jails in Ohio require a board of county commissioners to determine the types of out-of-state prisoners that may be housed in the facility and notify the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction of its determination for review and comment.

CLASSIFIEDS

THE U.S. CENSUS BUREAU IS HIRING TEMPORARY POSITIONS

The U.S. Census Bureau is recruiting temporary, part-time census takers for the 2010 Census. These short-term jobs offer good pay, flexible hours, paid training, and reimbursement for authorized work-related expenses, such as mileage incurred while conducting census work. Best of all, census takers work right in their own communities. Census taker jobs are excellent for people who want to work part-time, those who are between jobs, or just about anyone who wants to earn extra money while performing an important service for their community. Find out more at their Web site: 2010.Census.gov/2010CensusJobs.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/SENIOR PLANNER

Clark County seeks an experienced Senior Planner for the Community Development Department, Clark County's combined Building and Planning Department <http://www.clarkcountyohio.gov/bldgreg/Index.htm>. The position reports to the Director and serves as the key senior staff person in charge of all planning and related activities for the unincorporated areas in Clark County. Responsibilities include planning activities in economic development, flood plain, land use, and subdivision requests; enforcement of technical compliance for lot splits, subdivisions, rezoning, and zoning permits; preparation and presentation of cases for review by the County Planning Commission, Rural Zoning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, CEDA Regional Planning, and the Board of County Commissioners; preparation and facilitation of tax abatement agreements and related activities; interprets, communicates and enforces policies and procedures; coordinates and communicates with other local governments, county departments, and public.

Qualified candidates must have a Bachelor's Degree in a related field and a minimum of seven years experience in planning or Master's Degree in a related field and a minimum of four years of planning experience. Degree requirement may be waived for exemplary experience or AICP designation. Additionally, the applicant must demonstrate knowledge and experience performing the essential duties outlined in the Notice of Vacancy available online at http://www.clarkcountyohio.gov/personnel/postings/comdev_srplanner_01272010.pdf; have excellent oral and written communication ability; quality technical knowledge; outstanding customer service skills; professional conflict management skills; be efficient using Excel, PowerPoint, Word, and GIS software; and have a valid Ohio driver's license and appropriate automobile insurance.

Applications will be accepted until **February 26, 2010**. Qualified candidates should submit a cover letter, completed application and resume to: Michelle Noble, Clark County Human Resources Director, PO Box 2639, Springfield, OH 45501 EOE/ADA/VH.

DOG WARDEN

The Board of Stark County Commissioners seeks a chief Dog Warden to work as a department head and manage all care and control operations of the Stark County Dog Warden Department. Responsibilities: comply with applicable animal control laws; lead & supervise staff; develop & implement policies & procedures; provide technical assistance & guidance regarding related statutory matters; prepare & monitor departmental budget and payroll; and ensure customer service. Successful candidate will work with volunteers and employees to ensure the humane treatment of dogs. Degree in management or law enforcement a plus. Must pass firearms certification. This is a safety sensitive position and subject to drug screen. Submit resumes to: Personnel Manager, Board of Stark County Commissioners, 110 Central Plaza S., Suite 240, Canton, OH 44702. Resume must be received by **4:00 p.m., February 26, 2010**. Paperwork submitted is a public record. No phone calls, please. EOE.

BUILDING INSPECTOR – ELECTRICAL (PART-TIME)

The Wood County Building Inspection Department is accepting applications for a part-time building inspector - electrical to inspect assigned aspect to ensure compliance with the Ohio Building Code and Wood County Residential Building Code. Average 32 hours per week depending on needs of department. Pay Grade 7: \$17.44 to \$20.92 per hour depending on experience. Minimum Qualifications: Journeyman electrician or equivalent with commercial/industrial experience. Requires Board of Building Standards certification and a valid driver's license. Application Deadline: **4:30 p.m. on March 5, 2010**. Classification specifications and applications are available on the County's website, www.co.wood.oh.us, or visit the Wood County Building Inspection Department, Third Floor, County Office Building, One Courthouse Square, Bowling Green, OH 43402, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. EOE.